

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 04396

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EALR, EEWT, EINV, UR, JA

SUBJECT: JAPAN-SOVIET JOINT SHIPPING VENTURE

REF: (A) TOKYO 1704, (B) MOSCOW 1081

1. MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE OF MARCH 17 PRESS REPORT OF DECISION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT COUNCIL TO TURN DOWN APPLICATION TO SET UP JOINT JAPAN-USSR SHIPPING COMPANY. THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE A FORMAL DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION, BASED ON THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION, SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.
2. REASONS FOR THE DENIAL AS REPORTED BY THE PRESS WERE THE STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMPANY WOULD BE DOMINATED BY THE SOVIETS, AND THE FEAR THAT THE COMPANY WOULD EVENTUALLY MONOPOLIZE (SIC) CARGO TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND EUROPE. MOF WAS MORE POINTED. MOF OFFICIAL SAID THAT JAPAN THOUGHT IT DANGEROUS TO HAVE TOO MUCH JAPAN-EUROPE TRADE CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIETS, AND SHIPPED THROUGH THE USSR.
3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON U.S. LAW OR POLICY REGARDING SIMILAR VENTURE BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIETS FOR RESPONDING TO GOJ MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION INQUIRY (PARA 5, REFTEL A). MANSFIELD

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